

'Mini Watergate' Procedures Mark Land Hearings Conflict

by Charles Bisbee
and Rich Fairchild

The university's quest for new land has stirred up fresh controversy.

Recently, hearings were held concerning the possible acquisition of land owned by Miriam Farber, 104 S. Elmwood Road; Walter Louis, 118 S. Elmwood Road; and Henry Ogram, 320 S. Elmwood Road.

Assistant to the Chancellor for Planning Dr. Rex Engebretson says the hearings were another step under the expansion plan decided upon by the university some time ago.

The plan, recommended in 1970 by the firm of Caudill Rowlett Scott, calls for gradual expansion to the west through the purchase of 40 to 60 more acres of land.

Parking, Library, Offices

Such land is needed, the firm contended, to meet the requirements of a projected future enrollment of 20,000 students. UNO asked for \$600,000 to get the plan underway, but at present is working with only \$280,000. The funds come in the form of grants by the Unicameral. Most of the new land would be used for parking plus the erection of a new library and academic offices.

Mrs. Norman Batt, 7001 Farnam, President of the Citizens Action Association, opposes the way the land acquisition plan is being handled. Batt has charged the university with violating State Statute 84, Sections 1402-07, passed July 6, 1972. Under the sections of this statute, the university must give "some advance public notice" of all hearings. Batt maintains that notice was not given.

Batt further claims there seemed to be no standard operating procedure in the matter of serving such notice.

Attorney General's Approval

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents stated they announced the hearings at public meetings and the State Attorney General had approved of this procedure.

"I am writing to the Board of Regents . . . requesting a copy of the letter of approval from the Attorney General for the Board's meeting," Batt said. She says she is also asking that a reply be sent to her by June 20.

Batt has also charged the university with violation of State Statute 25, Sections 2501-06, passed Sept. 2, 1973. The provisions of this act, called "Unified Procedure for Acquisition of Private Property for Public Use," reads that any citizen who faces possible eventual eviction from his home for public use is first entitled to a letter informing him of the hearing at which he will be officially in-



Mrs. Norman Batt . . . requests Attorney-General's letter

formed of upcoming actions.

No Record

According to the law, a 90-day period is to be granted between the mailing of the letter (to be sent as either registered, airtel, or delivered by hand) and the hearing. Batt claims this was not done in the acquisition of the Farber property.

Batt describes the Farber hearing as a "mini Watergate." She said a tape recorder was furnished by the university to record the hearing, but at the end of the hearing it was found that the recorder had malfunctioned, making the taped hearing completely inaudible.

Batt says she then asked for a copy of the minutes, which she claims to have had a hard time obtaining from the university, and that in the minutes there was no mention of advance public notice of the hearing.

Batt says her claims can be confirmed by a recording of the meeting she has in her possession, a recording made at the hearing on a private citizen's tape recorder.

Engebretson says he respects Batt's right to her opinions and actions she might take, but didn't offer reply to any specific charges.

Property Owners Uncertain

Walter Louis, whose property was also considered at the hearing, said he had heard nothing from the university since the hearings. "If you find out something, let me know," he said.

The same sentiment was evidenced by Henry Ogram. He said he had heard nothing further from UNO since his hearing, and he "had no deal" in the offing as of this time.

Approximately 70 persons showed up for a Citizens Action Association meeting last week to discuss the Regents meeting and what could be done to stop the land acquisition.

Batt says "we will return to legal counsel and then make our determination" as to what steps will be taken.

At present, Batt says, "we are still opposed to westward expansion" by UNO.

Orientation Draws Students' Concern by Rosemary Coffey

What is orientation? Is it a grown up version of Romper Room? Is it a simple registration process? Or is it a viable program to help fledgling students through the first hectic days of college?

Many would consider the former, but according to Greg

Blodig, student director of the Orientation program, the latter is correct.

Blodig stated that 80 per cent of the students who have gone through orientation liked the program.

Through evaluation sheets students are able to say what



Steve Seline, James Chrysler . . . discuss orientation

they liked or disliked about orientation. The evaluations are then run through a computer and results are usually determined within 24 hours, said Dr. James Chrysler, originator of the present program. The student leaders and the directors then meet and decide which areas need improvement.

Blodig commented that the goals of the program are two-fold, "Students must learn about the workings of the bureaucracy if they are going to move toward what they want in life."

Chrysler added that the programs offer a philosophical goal. "We want the students to realize that they have a sense of territoriality — that a space was designed here especially for you."

But there is that remaining 20

per cent that thought the program was not beneficial.

Blodig said the main complaints he has heard of were from students who didn't feel the program should be mandatory and from those who were mad about closed classes.

According to Steve Seline, a student leader during the spring semester, those who feel the program shouldn't be mandatory are usually transfer students.

Calling them the "toughest to counsel", Seline exclaimed that "they come in with chips on their shoulders, who have been through this thing before and all they want is to get their classes."

Seline added, "All I can say is do they know what colleges take which credits?"

Improvements are being

made in separating the new and transfer students said Seline. These groups have different problems and have to be handled differently, commented Seline.

Captain Richard Timberlake, a bootstrapper from Georgia, felt that the program was beneficial.

"My three buddies and I were running around like chickens with our heads cut off," said Timberlake. "We were given the run-around until we got into the orientation program."

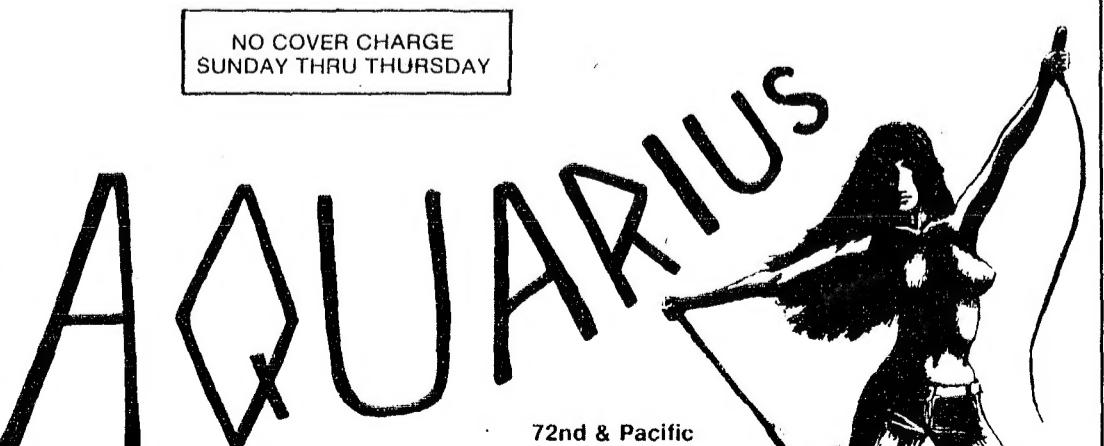
However, according to Maxine Duruisseau, a part-time student in the College of Business Administration the program didn't help at all.

"What I learned from Orientation," said Duruisseau, "I could have learned from a book."

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Justice Department Plans M.A. Degree Some Students May Be Out In Cold

by Michael Mayhan

"Is there going to be a blasted program?" said one frustrated Criminal Justice student.

The student was attempting to plan for the proposed Masters Program in Criminal Justice.

Prospective students were sent application forms with the clause, "by allowing you to make application to the graduate program in Criminal Justice, there is no guarantee to you that the University of Nebraska at



Locke . . . M.A. program

Omaha will offer such a program in the fall of 1974."

To this date no one can confirm that such a program in Criminal Justice will be offered.

According to Elton Carter, Dean of the Graduate College, the program is in the process of

being approved by the UNO Graduate Council. The mail approval vote is due June 24.

Not Behind

Neither he nor Dr. Hubert Locke, Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Services, would say the proposed program is behind schedule. Locke said that the approval process normally takes three to six months and that the proposed program was originally submitted in March.

Carter said that he did not anticipate "hangups" in the approval process.

However, Dr. Herbert Garfinkel, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, said that he put a freeze on hiring in the criminal justice department due to the "battle" between Hubert Locke, and Gaylon Kuchel, chairman of the department of Criminal Justice.

Garfinkel said that it would be impossible to choose instructors for the Criminal Justice department without the agreement of the Dean of the college and the Chairman of the Department.

Too Many Part-timers

Criminal Justice students interviewed said that there are too many part time instructors in the department and that the department itself is going "downhill."

Kuchel said that of 11 instructors listed in the 1973-74 under-graduate catalogue for the Criminal Justice program, five have left the department. He added that of five positions

vacated four remain open. "There are sufficient funds," he said, and "we have resumes on qualified applicants."

Kuchel said that the department was not able to hire because of the freeze. He noted that he would like to begin hiring as soon as possible "because of the extreme shortage of qualified people in this business."

"We had a number of part-time instructors last year because of the people that left. There weren't any full time people out there to hire. If you hire a part-time instructor you're not stuck with them. I'd rather use part-time instructors till full time qualified people are hired."

Not Commenting

Locke refused comment on the turnover of instructors in the Criminal Justice program.

A former instructor with the department, now a security official for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Robert G. May, said that his primary reason for leaving was to get back into active police work.

However May said that at UNO his teaching load was quite demanding. "We (criminal justice instructors) were each carrying 12 hours and counseling 125 students apiece. We were also encouraged to continue graduate level courses. Since we've left they've hired a full time counselor, his labors were divided by four not too long ago."



Garfinkel . . . puts freeze on hiring

May said the hiring freeze might be a good thing. He said that perhaps the department would, "take a look into the hiring practices and step outside the middle west and get some really top notch instructors."

May added that, as an instructor, he was disturbed by the "lack of true scholarship. It seems like we could do more than count arrests."

Opportunities Limited

Former instructor Larry R. Bassi, now with the Criminal Justice Department of the Niagara Community College in San Born, New York, said, "my opportunities for professional growth and development were extremely limited due to the stu-

dent-faculty ratio, the teaching load, and other responsibilities associated with being a member of the department."

Former instructor Earl S. Barnhill said, "In all, my primary reason for leaving was that the outdoor recreational opportunities here are greater than they are in the midwest." He added that, "certainly I have a much lighter load here." Mr. Barnhill is currently with the Criminal Justice Department, the University of Nevada at Reno.

Barnhill refused further comment.

Former instructor Walter Weaver also refused comment.

No Deceit Involved —

Garfinkel Investigates Pilot Cities

by Tom Strover

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Herbert Garfinkel discussed at some length an investigation by the Provost's office of UNO's Pilot Cities program at a press conference last week.

According to the summarized report of conclusions and recommendations to the Chancellor discussed by Garfinkel, the alleged conflicts of interest, fiscal violations and malpractices in financial administration, were all rather "minor."

The allegations stem from charges made by UNO Professor Gaylon Kuchel of inappropriate funding and staffing. Kuchel is Co-Director of the Criminal Justice Center of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. The center is responsible for administering the federally funded Pilot Cities project.

Specifically, the allegations include charges of a conflict of interest regarding the awarding of an outside evaluation contract to a firm connected with Dr. Hubert Locke, the dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

The Provost's report states that "no deceit or conflict of

interest was entailed in the planned-for use of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Social Problems, since Dean Hubert Locke's connection (with the institute) was neither hidden nor would he have profited financially."

The report further states that questionable personnel assignments have been corrected and that "allegations of significant fiscal violations have not been sustained."

The community relations problem between UNO and Omaha-Douglas County law enforcement officials stems, according to Garfinkel, from a "misinterpretation of the city fathers on what the role of UNO is in housing the Pilot Cities program." According to the report, many people felt that UNO was merely a "conduit for dispersing funds granted to the Omaha-Douglas County criminal justice agencies."

Among several recommendations for salvaging the Pilot Cities program made by the Provost are the establishment of an Advisory Review Board, comprised of "respected" citizens. A review of the leadership and organization of Pilot Cities by Dean

Locke is also expected by August 1.

Another investigation, this one by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), the federal agency which funds Pilot Cities, is also going on. No results of the LEAA probe are known at this time.

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Football Prospects

by Herb Vermass

UNO Head Football Coach C.T. Hewgley's prime aim in recruiting is to build for the future, although a few of the new prospects have a chance of stepping into starting jobs.

"In building for the future, our goal is to establish a strong tradition. I feel this will bring continued success in the future," adds Hewgley.

According to the coach, unless a prospect has exceptional ability his chances are slim of breaking into the starting lineup. "Right now I would say that only one or two prospects could step right in and make a contribution."

Among those cited by Hewgley are John Williams, an offensive tackle from Syracuse, New York, who incidentally comes from the same area that UNO star running back Saul Ravenell hails from, and Dan Overton, a tight-end from Lakewood, Colorado.

"Williams has good size, he's 6'3" and weighs about 240 pounds. He has good strength and moves well," notes Hewgley.

As for Overton, Hewgley feels he has the potential to be an outstanding tight-end. "He has the size (6'3", 220 pounds) and the speed that we are looking for, a fine pair of hands and a good blocker, and could become an instant star."

The first recruit to sign for the Mavericks was Bill Lewis, a football-wrestler from South Station, Ohio. Hewgley plans to make him either a full-back or a line-backer. He feels Lewis will add depth to either position, and could garnish a starting role, although that appears doubtful at least for the time being.

Other recruits include: Fred Napple, a running back, and Mark Bappe, a center, both from Lexington, Nebraska; Guy Robinson, a tight end from Covington, Ky.; Jeff Anderson, a cornerback from Alma, Neb.; Running back Rick Klug, Omaha; Dan Brust, brother of former UNO linebacker, Ray Brust; Randy Sutton, a cornerback from Bellevue; Mike Wiekert, an offensive tackle from Omaha; Ed Orcolini, a defensive tackle from Pittsburgh; Barry Craig, a safety from Washington, D.C.; and Kim Pimberton, a tight end from Auburn, Minn.

According to Hewgley, none of these recruits has much of a chance of winning starting roles, but he feels they will certainly make a contribution in the future.

Hewgley has been generally satisfied with recruiting so far and adds, "I hope we continue to build a fine program."

Doctor in the House?

"Medical Emergencies" is the subject of a talk to be presented by Dr. Jerry Reed, faculty member of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, next Wednesday, June 26 at 11:15 a.m. in the University Theatre located in the Administration Building. Reed's talk will cover emergencies in the classroom, on the street and in the home. The talk is part of a preventive medicine concept promoted cooperatively by UNMC and UNO.

Maverick Trackmen Score In AAU Meet

Eight trackmen from UNO participated in the Midwest AAU Track and Field Championships last weekend and all eight placed in this, the largest AAU meet in the midwest.

The UNO contingent was led by sprinter Don Harris who won the triple jump (46'11 1/2"), placed second in the long jump (22'6") and finished second in the 100 yard dash. It was a career best for Harris in both the long jump and triple jump.

Weightman Bob Buchta gave the UNO squad two second place finishes with a 129'10" toss of the discus and a 43'6 1/2" throw of the shot put. Younger brother Dick picked up the third place medals in each of those two events.

Sprinter Neal Greenberg won the first place medal in the 220 yard dash with a 22.7 clocking while recent UNO graduate Dan Cutler placed third in that event. Cutler also placed second in a "photo finish" of the 440 yard dash. Both Cutler and the

winner, Brad Rankin of Platte, were timed in 51.8.

Frank Borowiak, the Mavericks number one hurdler during the 1974 campaign, managed a second place finish in the 120 yard high hurdles, as well as finishing third in the triple jump and long jump with career bests of 22'2 1/4" and 42'11" respectively.

UNO's fine walker, Lance Herold, won his specialty with a 54:24.8 clocking in the 10 kilometer walk, while high jumper Tom Schrad continued his consistency in the high jump with a 6'4" first place effort.

The meet was highlighted by Nebraska's Steve Jepson's double win in the discus and shot put and by Kansas State's Ken Stone who won both the 120 yard high hurdles and the 440 yard intermediate hurdles.

The Elmwood Park Harriers and the Plains Track Club will sponsor a 5 mile run and an "All Comers Track Meet" on the UNO track on 7 July 1974 starting at 5:30 p.m.

happenings

The "Summerfest" Theater series will present two shows at UNO and two at the Playhouse.

"The Me Nobody Knows," a semi-rock musical directed by Playhouse associate director Nancy Duncan, will play June 27-30, July 4-7 and 11-14, in the University Theater.

"The Taming of the Shrew" will be staged at the Playhouse June 29 and 30, July 2-7 and 9-14, under the direction of UNO's Fred Vesper.

"6 Rms Riv Vu," is slated for July 5-7 and 10-14 in the UNO Studio Theater under the direction of Dr. Edwin Clark.

Last in the series, "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," explores Brel's view of the human condition, and the human comedy. Dr. Robert Moore will direct the play scheduled for July 18-21 and 25-28 in the Playhouse Studio Theater.

UNO's Director of Veteran's Affairs, Sam Brune, would like to remind all vets who have not received their GI check in the mail to inquire at the cashier's office in the administration building; some checks have

been sent directly to UNO.

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